

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

November 24, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on November 19, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending November 25, 2009 in the amount of \$ 261,813.01 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of November 19 – November 23, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from August 3, 2009 – November 23, 2009
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for October 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the

amount of \$ 639,056.38 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Request from City Chamberlain that the 2009 Budget is revised as follows: Increase Appropriations for Parks & Beautification – Contract Services \$10,000 and Increase Estimated Revenue for General Fund – Gifts & Donations \$10,000 because the restoration of the Champlain Monument and surrounding grounds has been completed. This adjustment will not have the effect of increasing or decreasing the projected deficit in the 2009 budget.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: **Councilor Jackson** asked based on the last sentence of the resolution does the Parks & Beautification 2009 budget have a deficit. **City Chamberlain** stated the general fund budget had a projected deficit of \$591,000 for the year so this is not changing that.
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$2,381.27. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .13%.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from Steve Peters for the Mayor to sign a contract with Albany Runners Exchange for race services to be provided for the City of Plattsburgh Half Marathon on April 18, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$4570 to be funded from the Recreation Complex Administration budget.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a loan from the Community Development Revolving Fund to SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL OF CLINTON COUNTY, INC in the maximum principal amount of \$413,000.00 dollars subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached document entitled “Catherine Gardens Bridge Loan Terms”, and the Common Council authorizes the City Chamberlain to approve the sufficiency of the loan guarantee(s) required to assure repayment of said loan.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the City of Plattsburgh reaffirms the rights of its citizens as stated in the applicable laws and implemented through its Fair Housing Program adopted in November 1991.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter

WHEREAS all American citizens are entitled to full and equal housing opportunities in a neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS state and federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, or familial status be given equal access to rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh or his designated representative is responsible under the City’s Fair Housing Program for insuring the rights of the City’s citizens to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice, and for responding to and assisting any person alleging to be a victim of discriminatory housing practices within the corporate limits of the City of Plattsburgh; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Plattsburgh reaffirms the rights of its citizens as stated in the applicable laws and implemented through its Fair Housing Program adopted in November 1991

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. THE MAYOR DESIGNATES PAT LUCIA AS FAIR HOUSING OFFICER UNDER THE CITY'S FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from the Adopt-A Spot Program to grant the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus City Coalition the undeveloped soil on the corner of Court Street and Margaret Street (near Benji's Bakery and next to the parking lot) to plant bulbs.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from the Adopt-A Spot Program to grant the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus City Coalition the undeveloped soil on the corner of Court Street and Margaret Street (near Benji's Bakery and next to the parking lot) to plant bulbs.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Officer Robert Annis to attend the "State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association Quarterly Board Meeting" in Syracuse, NY on December 3 – 4, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$70 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Officer Robert Annis to attend the “State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association Quarterly Board Meeting” in Syracuse, NY on December 3 – 4, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$70 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Adopt-A Spot Program to grant the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus City Coalition the undeveloped soil on the corner of Court Street and Margaret Street (near Benji’s Bakery and next to the parking lot) to plant bulbs. **(Moved to agenda under “Other Items” Letter G)**
2. Request from Community Development Office to approve a \$9,908.20 rehabilitation loan for Project Main St BIP #8-2008 Plattsburgh (72 Margaret St) to Plattsburgh Internal Medicine.
3. Request from the Fire Chief to accept the Bid from New England Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$799,821.00 (with a trade in allowance of \$49,850) for the purchase of a 2009 100’ Aerial platform. The truck would be delivered in November 2010.
4. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Officer Robert Annis to attend the “State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association Quarterly Board Meeting” in Syracuse, NY on December 3 – 4, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$70 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. **(Moved to agenda under “Travel Request” Letter A)**

Councilor Kelly asked how Office Robert Annis can go to Syracuse for 2 days and the cost is only \$70. **Mayor Kasprzak** stated he is a Board member so they pick up part of his expenses. **Councilor Carpenter** thought this should be moved too.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

Mayor Kasprzak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:50 pm